

52.0742B

Dup!

N
352.07
C47
1876

REPORT

OF THE

OFFICERS OF THE

TOWN OF CHARLESTOWN,

For the year ending March 1st., 1876.

Report of the Selectmen.

The Town at the annual meeting in March, 1875, voted to raise the following sums.

State Tax.....	\$ 3024 00
County Tax.....	3200 00
Schools.....	2436 00
Roads and Bridges.....	600 00
Town Officers.....	1000 00
Paupers.....	1000 00
Interest on Town debt.....	2000 00
Incidentals.....	600 00
Cemeteries.....	200 00
Highways.....	2000 00

\$ 16060 00

Selectmen added..... 560 95

\$ 16620 95

NEW HAMPSHIRE
STATE LIBRARY

TOWN OF CHARLESTOWN.

in account with George Olcott. *Treasurer.*

Dr.

Bal. due Treasurer, March 1875, \$	1066	78
Paid for Abatement of taxes	400	26
“ Incidentals,	839	30
“ Town History.	675	00
“ Cemeteries,	104	41
“ Schools.	2918	46
“ Town Farm,	1029	83
“ Town Paupers.	266	54
“ County Paupers,	513	55
“ Roads and Bridges.	931	24
“ Town debt,	31721	66
“ Town Officers,	1018	25
“ Sheep killed,	51	00
	<hr/>	\$ 41536 28

Cr.

By Cash H. Hull, Coll'r, 1875 \$	6809	63
“ H. B. Viall, do 1874	593	67
“ Benj. Whipple, do '73	63	91
“ A. Griggs, Pension.	33	00
“ Borrowed on Town notes. 300	75	00
“ Sale J. Lynds' goods,	11	80
“ Rent of J. Lynds' house,	25	00
“ Highway taxes.	27	70
“ County Paupers,	432	67
“ D. C. Moore, Liquor ag't.	117	15
“ G. Lakin, Town Farm,	21	00
“ Literary Fund.	168	56
“ Railroad tax.	441	83
“ Savings Bank tax,	1681	60
“ E. Cooley, rent to Feb. } 21st., 1875, }	159	00

" do do to Feb. 21st. 1875.	130 00	
" G. S. Bond. Town Hall,	17 60	
		<hr/> \$ 40809 12
Balance due the Treasurer,	727 16	
		<hr/> \$ 41536 28

1875

SCHOOLS.

Paid John Giffin, District No. 1.		\$ 98 91
Samuel Webber, ..	2 & 3	20 00
A. D. Hull, ..	2 & 3	1190 41
George S. Bond, ..	2 & 3	50 00
Charles Willard, ..	4	24 00
B. W. Putnam, ..	4	228 02
William Putnam, ..	5	70 00
J. H. Locke, ..	6	159 97
Henry L. Frost, ..	7	148 36
Oliver P. Cross, ..	8	113 00
Orin E. Fiske, ..	9	194 03
Michael Mamney, ..	10	29 22
R. H. Wheeler, ..	11	98 05
Lewis Gay, ..	12	82 57
S. W. Albee, ..	13	140 62
A. C. Way, ..	14	141 50
Lucian Lane, ..	15	24 35
		<hr/>
		\$ 2813 01
William Putnam, ..	5	105 45
		<hr/>
		\$ 2918 46

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Eben Densmoor, watering trough,	\$ 3 00
George Parker, labor,	12 00
James S. Putnam, ..	10 00
John H. Adams, ..	1 60
Alvah C. Way, ..	8 40
Warren Adams, ..	15 20
James S. Putnam, ..	30 00

George Parker, labor,	3 30
Abel Hunt, posts, "	6 25
E. G. Spencer, labor,	9 10
E. H. Tidd, breaking roads,	2 50
G. Way, roads and bridges,	25 76
N. W. Locke, labor,	26 61
James W. Fisk, labor,	14 25
Wilbra Bailey, " drain,	10 00
Charles Gay, " "	12 50
F. W. Putnam, " "	13 00
James E. Jardine, " "	6 50
W. E. Butterfield, breaking roads,	28 45
N. W. Locke, labor highway,	42 00
C. B. Lawton, drawing goods,	17 83
S. W. Albee, water trough,	3 00
Leonard S. Fairbanks, labor,	7 40
Samuel Putnam, do	15 00
A. D. Hull, do	18 00
W. D. Putnam, do	7 59
William C. Hobart, do	13 50
Henry L. Frost, do	15 00
William Gregg, do	20 00
Michael Manney, do	15 00
Mark Lane, plank,	13 41
Charlestown Steam mill, plank,	9 26
S. P. Osgood, labor,	31 50
George A. White, labor,	5 75
Charles Gay, labor,	31 25
Gardner Way, roads and bridges,	18 25
R. R. Allen, labor,	18 75
Henry C. Johnson, shingles,	5 25
Horace Metcalf, plank,	18 73
R. Robertson, cleaning ditch,	4 00
George Hubbard, posts &c.,	4 68
Henry L. Frost, labor and lumber,	33 42
Lewis Lane, do do	8 00
Lucian Lane, do do	5 50
John W Taylor, plank &c.,	62 37
Horace Hubbard, labor,	3 20
Lewis Lane, do	2 75
B. W. Putnam, plank,	19 33

Samuel Putnam, labor,	31 85
James E. Jardine, labor,	7 92
N. B. Hull, water, &c.	6 00
Geo. H. Leet, breaking roads,	6 95
Aaron Clarke, labor,	9 00
Nelson W. Locke, labor,	5 65
R. W. Robertson. do and lumber,	17 25
Hiram Smith, labor,	16 27
A. A. Loveland, breaking roads,	6 60
Mark Lane. do do	4 57
E. McGrath, labor,	1 50
R. R. Allen. do	2 50
Metcalf & Hamlin, bill,	2 35
William Hamlin, water trough,	3 00
B. W. Putnam, gravel pit,	5 00
R. W. Robertson, labor,	7 43
D. W. Parks, blacksmith bill,	2 35
Geo. W. Heywood, log,	4 00
S. H. Grinnell, bill,	5 00
Brooks Kimball, water trough,	3 00
Squire G. Smith, do	3 00
Sherman Paris, on unfinished contract,	75 00
	<hr/>
	\$ 931 24

TOWN PAUPERS.

N. G. Brooks, medicine,	\$ 9 00
J. B. Dinsmoor, board of Griggs,	10 00
do transient, paupers,	25 00
N. H. Insane Asylum, two paupers,	297 26
Metcalf & Hamlin, paupers,	39 23
Geo. Lakin, paupers,	15 00
Horace Sanders, medicine,	14 00
Mrs. Campbell, tramps,	17 00
D. S. Hamlin, Griggs,	1 25
State Reform School, Thompson boy,	21 71
Mrs. Campbell, tramps,	12 75
A. D. Hull, service,	1 00
H. C. Ellenwood, Stimpson,	10 00

J. B. Dinsmoor, board,	3 00	
F. W. Putnam, transient paupers,	4 00	
R. W. Robertson, do do	20 85	
N. G. Brooks, Lynds & Stimpson,	5 00	
Mrs. Campbell, tramps,	7 50	
	<hr/>	\$ 513. 55

COUNTY PAUPERS.

Lewis Lane, transient paupers,	\$ 7 00	
Richard Landon, do do	3 25	
O. Smith, Madigan boy,	7 45	
J. B. Dinsmoor, transient paupers,	15 47	
C. Walker, for Brunell,	4 13	
F. W. Putnam, County paupers,	5 00	
N. G. Brooks, medicine,	6 00	
W. H. Labaree, A. Gill,	5 00	
William Smith, N. Bassy,	20 00	
R. W. Robertson, Brunell,	9 00	
Chas't'n Steam mill, wood, Mrs. Gill,	3 75	
W. H. Labaree, goods, do	16 00	
D. G. Stoughton, freight bill. do	1 26	
John S. Fish, wood, do	3 75	
R. W. Robertson, Brunell,	4 13	
J. P. Brown, Pollard & Heywood,	96 00	
Briggs & Co., rent for Mrs. Gill,	10 29	
State Reform School, Thompson boy,	26 00	
George W. Hamlin, depositions,	5 85	
R. W. Robertson, C. Brunell,	6 21	
N. G. Brooks, Heath,	3 00	
W. H. Labaree, Gill,	3 00	
Metcalf & Hamlin,	5 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 266 54

TOWN FARM.

Oren Smith, use pasture,	\$ 15 00
M. C. Milliken, blacksmithing,	10 51

C. Sparrow, lining buffaloes,	9 85
George Lakin, salary as agent,	50 00
L. H. Royce & Co., store bill,	109 97
R. Robertson, meal,	10 00
G. S. Bond, bill sundries,	18 44
B. Kimball, Blacksmithing,	60 15
Geo. B. Watson, labor,	27 10
Briggs & Co., shingles,	21 00
Geo. Lakin, labor,	15 00
C. Walker, meal, &c.,	12 50
Mrs. Mary Lombard, labor, G. Smith,	5 00
Geo. Lakin, service,	50 00
do do	25 00
Mary Lombard, G. Smith,	5 00
T. J. Lasier, Nat' Eagle, town farm,	9 32
G. Lakin, labor,	8 35
John S. Fish, bill,	2 00
Metcalf & Hamlin, bill,	18 37
G. Lakin, stock & lumber,	31 53
W. H. Labaree, store bill,	18 33
Wm. Smith, use pasture,	15 00
G. Lakin, service,	40 00
R. Robertson, grain bill,	42 20
G. W. Hamlin, insurance,	10 00
Dexter Bradford, meat bill,	61 93
G. Lakin, service,	19 00
G. W. Bemis, repairs,	5 00
L. H. Royce, store bill,	44 53
G. Lakin, service,	30 00
Metcalf & Hamlin, goods,	17 95
G. Lakin, Ag't Town Farm,	138 78
do due 1874, /	36 00
Geo. S. Bond, bill,	1 85
G. H. Powers, use pasture,	28 00
W. H. Labaree, store bill,	3 13
Brooks Kimball, blacksmithing,	4 04
	<hr/> \$ 1029 83

CEMETERIES.

Charles Sparrow, No. Charlestown, 2 90

Horace Hubbard, No. Charlestown,	3	80	
H. C. Ellenwood, labor,	97	71	
			\$ 104 41

TOWN DEBT.

Paid Sam'l Webber, Int. on note, No. 32	\$	60	00
Sarah P. Hiland, do do do 51		18	00
Eliza F. Hubbard, do do do 53		180	00
Benj. Whipple, do do do 42		60	00
Nancy Tarbell, do do do 21		22	50
Samuel Neal, do do do 54		180	00
Eliza F. Hubbard, note, 53		3010	00
C. R. Savings B'k, notes, nos. 45, 40, 62, 18, 16, and Interest, }		13204	68
Eliphalet Bailey, Int. on note, No. 59		56	28
M. A. Hubbard, do do do 34		27	00
Benj. Whipple, Executor, note do 42		500	00
E. L. Holton, Int. on note, No 27		60	00
Abby H. Cram, do do do 20		30	00
Nancy Tarbell, do do do 21		22	50
Geo. D. Holton, do do do 52		30	00
C. R. S. Bank note, No. 1		6000	00
E. Bailey, Int. on note, No. 61		12	00
B. Whipple, guardian, endorsed No. 42		100	00
C. R. S. Bank, endorsed on note, No. 74		6000	00
James R. Walker, Int. on note, " 64		12	00
do do do " 47		60	00
Mary B. Lewis, do " 63		30	00
Eliphalet Bailey, do " 65		18	00
Rhoda Green, Ex'r bal of note, " 42		417	67
C. R. S. Bank, Interest,		333	43
A. Jackman, " " " 72		90	00
John Stone, " " " 68		87	00
Sarah W. Stone, " " " 69		12	60
Silas Stone, " " " 70		15	00
Roxana Davenport, note and Interest,		1073	00
	\$	31,721	66

N. B. Notes, Nos. 45, 40, 62, 18, 16, 1, amounting to \$ 19,204 68 have been exchanged for notes bearing six per. cent interest: only one note against the town of \$ 2,850 00, bears seven and three tenths interest.

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid H. B. Viall, Auditor,.....	\$ 20 00
George Olcott, Treasurer,.....	50 00
C. C. Kimball, Town Clerk,.....	50 00
F. W. Putnam, Selectman,.....	215 00
R. W. Robertson, ".....	215 00
R. R. Allen, ".....	155 50
S. P. Osgood, Constable,.....	50 00
Horace Hull, Collector,.....	100 00
Eugene De Normandie, Supt. Schools,.....	117 75
H. B. Viall, Collector,.....	45 00
	<hr/>
	\$ 1018 25

INCIDENTALS.

Paid Claremont Manf'g Co.,.....	\$ 36 00
Joseph Burr, repairing town clock,....	3 50
Eugene De Normandie, service,.....	22 00
Geo. R. Brown, registry fees,.....	1 00
Claremont Manf'g Co., orders & reports,	6 00
Blood & Woodcock, grave stones,....	65 00
Claremont Manuf'g Co., invoice book,	12 25
A. G. Graham, paint,.....	5 87
" " tomb,.....	20 00
D. S. Hamlin, printing,.....	8 25
Geo. S. Bond, bill,.....	9 68
Horace Metcalf, service,.....	16 00
William A. Hathorn, repairs }	
Town House roof, }	6 50
Josiah Cobb, liquor suit,.....	52 00
W. H. Labaree, store bill,.....	1 47
J. Cobb, service enforcing liquor law,	47 00
John W. Taylor, bill,.....	8 70

Paid R. W. Robertson, expenses court,...	5 00
Geo. Oleott, treas'r, int. on over df't,	195 00
C. B. Lawton, sawdust &c.,.....	2 75
H. C. Ellenwood, service,.....	3 00
“ burials,.....	63 00
J. Burt. town clock,.....	16 00
Wilbur F. Merrill, burials,.....	24 00
Josiah Cobb, services,.....	12 00
C. C. Kimball, services,.....	23 18
F. W. Putnam, Sept. appraisals,....	33 00
R. W. Robertson, “ “	34 00
R. R. Allen, “ “	45 00
Colby & Batchelder, service,	35 00
Horace Hull, labor,.....	2 40
Samuel Webber, returns,.....	1 75
H. B. Viall, livery,.....	4 00
Samuel Walker, damage on highway,	12 00
G. W. Hamlin, depositions,.....	7 00
	<hr/>
	\$ 839 30

SHEEP KILLED BY DOGS.

Samuel E. Gowing,.....	18 00
Geo. W. Heywood,.....	4 00
Geo. H. Powers,.....	12 00
A. C. Eggleston,.....	2 00
John W. Taylor,.....	15 00
	<hr/>
	\$ 51 00

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

E. H. Putnam,.....	\$ 6 25
Oren Smith,.....	10 00
Annette Daggett,.....	8 85
James Lyons,.....	9 00
H. B. Viall, collector, 1874,.....	42 03

Ephraim Putnam,.....	3 57
John A. Spooner,.....	7 66
D. C. Moore,.....	7 67
J. L. Trussell,.....	1 28
Harvey Allen,.....	1 53
Catharine Putnam,.....	6 12
E. Bailey,.....	17 92
Josiah White,.....	12 80
J. C. Walker,.....	4 38
G. W. Heywood,.....	6 40
H. L. Hubbard,.....	1 92
Lewis Rumrill,.....	4 99
N. F. Allen,.....	1 60
S. H. Grinnell,.....	1 00
Horace Hull, abatement of tax bill, 1875,...	100 81
John W. Taylor, abatement precinct tax,...	11 00
H. B. Viall, abatement tax bill, 1874,.....	95 71
Benj. Whipple, collector, abatement tax } bills, 1870, 1871, 1872, & 73, }	37 77
	<hr/>
	\$ 400 26

HISTORY ACCOUNT.

March 18, Paid H. H. Saunderson,	63 00
April 20, " "	63 00
May 12, " "	48 00
June 22, " "	30 00
July 24, " "	42 00
Aug. 19, " "	60 00
Sept. 23, " "	45 00
Oct. 26, " "	54 00
Nov. 5, " "	54 00
Dec. 16, " "	72 00
Jan. 3, '76 " "	114 00
Feb. 17, " "	30 00
	<hr/>
	\$ 675 00

Account of the Town Farm.

TOWN FARM,

Dr.

Am't paid from Town Treasury,	1029 83
Interest on value of farm,	180 00
	<hr/>
	\$ 1209 83

Cr.

Am't paid into Treasury,	21 00
Increase on Personal Property,	214 60
	<hr/>
	\$ 235 60

BALANCE—cost of running the farm. \$ 974 23

Collector's Account.

BENJAMIN WHIPPLE, Collector, for 1870, '71, '72, & '73.

Dr.

Balance of tax bills,	\$ 4 64
-----------------------	---------

H. B. VIALI, Collector, for 1874, in account with the town of Charlestown.

Dr.

Balance of tax bills, March 2d., 1875.	\$ 800 00
--	-----------

Cr.

Paid Town Treas'r,	\$ 593 67	
Feb. 21, '76 Balance due the town,	206 33	
	<hr/>	\$ 800 00

HORACE HULL, Collector, for 1875, in account with the town of Charlestown,

Dr.

Tax bill for 1875,	\$ 16,094 09
--------------------	--------------

Cr.

Paid State tax,	\$ 3024 00	
County tax,	3238 52	
Town Treasurer,	6809 63	
Precinct tax,	872 62	
High School tax,	200 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 14,144 77

In hands of Collector,	\$ 1,949 32
------------------------	-------------

Town Indebtedness.

March 1st. 1876.

Note No.	20	\$ 500 00
" "	21	375 00
" "	27	1000 00
" "	32	1000 00
" "	34	450 00

Note	No	47	1000 00
"	"	48	70 00
"	"	51	300 00
"	"	52	500 00
"	"	54	3000 00
"	"	58	100 00
"	"	59	938 00
"	"	61	200 00
"	"	63	500 00
"	"	64	200 00
"	"	65	300 00
"	"	67	100 00
"	"	68	1450 00
"	"	69	210 00
"	"	70	250 00
"	"	71	400 00
"	"	72	1500 00
"	"	73	500 00
"	"	74	900 00
"	"	75	2850 00
"	"	76	240 00
"	"	77	200 00
"	"	78	900 00
"	"	79	5000 00
"	"	80	185 00
"	"	81	1000 00
"	"	82	5000 00
"	"	83	200 00
"	"	84	100 00
"	"	85	1000 00
			<hr/>
			\$ 32418 00
Due the Town Treasurer,			727 16
			<hr/>
			\$ 33,145 16

Assets of the town.

Town Farm.....	\$ 3500 00
Personal property of town farm,	2595 12

Town Hall & furniture.....	16000 00	
Gravel pit,.....	100 00	
Town safe,.....	100 00	
Geo. Lynds' note, secured } by mortgage, } ...	200 00	
Due from H. B. Viall, bal. taxes.	206 33	
" C. L. Corbin, Hall, '74	10 00	
" B. Whipple, collector,	4 64	
" Horace Hull. "	1949 32	
" " Int. on } taxes paid since Dec. 1st., }	19 42	
	<hr/>	\$ 24684 83
Indebtedness over assets.		\$ 8460 33

Town of Charlestown,

In account with GEORGE S. BOND, custodian of Town Hall.

Cr.

1875.

Whitmore & Clark's Minstrels,	\$ 10 00
Grand Army of Republic,	5 00
Roman Catholics,	2 50
Dance,	10 00
Congregational Society,	3 45
J. B. Dinsmoor,	2 00
Roman Catholics,	2 50
Band,	3 00
Charles Sparrow,	10 00
Spelling Match.	8 00
F. H. Osgood,	10 00
South Parish,	4 75
H. A. Birkett,	4 00
Mr. Evans,	15 00
E. L. Cushing,	10 00

Signor Blitz,	8 00
St. Luke's Church,	5 00
do	1 50
South Parish,	2 50
Grand Army,	3 00
Roman Catholics,	1 50
Briggs & Co.,	4 00
Roman Catholics,	1 50
Prof. Harrington,	8 00
Bell Ringers,	8 00
Roman Catholics,	1 50
F. H. Osgood,	10 00
Congregational Society,	3 00
Connecticut River Nat. Bank,	15 00
South Parish,	4 35
do	5 35
Roman Catholics,	2 50
St. Luke's Church,	1 50
Roman Catholics,	2 50
Masonic Lodge,	3 25
Tea Party,	6 25
Grand Army,	3 00
	<hr/>
	\$ 201 40

Dr.

To 2 Dozen chimneys,	3 12
108 1-2 Gallons oil,	22 61
Repairing chain,	25
1 Basin,	15
Alcohol,	20
Glass and setting,	3 00
Repairing doors,	25
2 Looking-glasses & cord,	2 25
Paid for labor,	2 00
Hiram Green, labor,	109 85
Services of Custodian,	10 00
Coal,	30 12
	<hr/>
	\$ 183 80
Balance, paid Town Treasurer,	17 60

Coal on hand,	16 50	
Oil,	4 00	
Two Looking-glasses,	2 25	
One dozen chimneys,	1 56	
	<hr/>	\$ 24 31
Net earnings,		\$ 41 91

GEORGE S. BOND,

Custodian, Town Hall.

March 1st., 1876.

The Selectmen recommend the raising of the following sums, for the ensuing year.

For State Tax,.....	\$ 3,024 00
County Tax,.....	3,200 00
Schools,.....	2,436 00
Roads and Bridges,.....	800 00
Town Officers,.....	1,000 00
Paupers,.....	1,000 00
Interest on Town Debt,....	2,000 00
Incidentals,.....	600 00
Cemeteries,.....	200 00
Highways,.....	2,000 00

All of which is respectfully submitted by

ROSWELL W. ROBERTSON,	} <i>Selectmen</i>
ROBERT R. ALLEN,	
FRANKLIN W. PUTNAM.	

of
Charlestown.

We have examined the within accounts, and find the same to be correct and properly vouched.

SAMUEL L. FLETCHER,	} <i>Auditors.</i>
RUFUS W. PIPER.	

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS,

CHARLESTOWN, N. H.,

For the year ending March, 10th., 1876.

The close of the School year 1875-6 has come; and with it's close comes the duty of the Superintendent to prepare his annual report of the Schools; to record the work that has been done; the condition of the Schools; their *success* and *failure*.

It is far from my purpose to indulge in extravagant praise of some, or unreasonable censure of others; but simply to draw, in as clear and correct outline as possible, the exact condition of the Schools. There have been some blunders made, some poor Teachers engaged, and some unprofitable schools; but there have been more good Teachers, and better work done than we have seen at any other time for the last five years.

There has been some *failure*, but also a large amount of *success*. All through the town there is a strong purpose evinced to secure the best Teachers, and to improve the condition of the schools. Of the twenty-three Teachers employed, in our town, the last year, many have shown much skill in their profession, and ability of a high order.

The cry has always been heard among us, and it has been lamented in the reports: "That the parents and people do not visit the Schools." This, certainly, is not true of our citizens the past year. As we look over the Registers, we see long lists of names, and find that a large proportion of the parents have seen the schools for themselves. The visits of parents and citizens are very beneficial. They encourage the Teachers, and make the scholars more ambitious.

The Schools in the combined District No. 2 & 3, those in the Village, differ so widely, in many respects, from the others, that it is necessary to speak of them separately.

District 2 & 3.

Change of Officers.

At the annual School Meeting held last April, Dr, Sam'l Webber, who, for fifty years, has been the honored and efficient Secretary and Treasurer of the District, tendered his resignation, and Mr. D. S. Hamlin was chosen Secretary in his stead. The citizens reluctantly accepted the resignation of this old, firm, and honored friend of education; and passed a hearty vote of thanks for his useful and unselfish services. With the Dr's. resignation our schools lose, not the interest, but the active services of their wisest and best friend. We have still, however, his example and the remembrance of what he has said and done to encourage and help us.

Prudential Committee.

At the same annual meeting Messrs. A. D. Hull, Hiram Smith, and Henry Dugan, were chosen a Prudential Committee of the combined District; Dr. N. G. Brooks and Eugene De Normandie, were appointed a Superintending Committee of the Village Schools. Mistakes are made in higher circles of life than ours, and on more

important occasions than the election of town officers. And it need be no matter of surprise that, in our ignorance of Statute Law, we should make mistakes in the choice of our School Officers. The Prudential Committee elected, and the Superintendent appointed, at this meeting, were all illegally chosen, except MR. HULL. MR. SMITH and MR. DUGAN declined to serve, and MESSRS. D. G. STOUGHTON and G. S. BOND were appointed in their stead.

The Graded Schools.

These schools have been steadily improving. We may assign three reasons for their success and prosperity the past year. The first reason for their excellence and improved condition is attributed to the work and help of the Prudential Committee. They have been interested in the success of the schools. They have aided the Superintendents in their work, and seconded all their plans for improvement. It would be difficult to select, as chairman of the Prudential Committee, a man better fitted for this place ; one who knows more of the schools and their needs ; one more prompt in action, vigilant in over-sight, or diligent in duty than MR. HULL.

A second reason for success lies in the fact that good Teachers were engaged ; and where it was possible the same Teachers who had the schools the year before were retained in their places.

Only one change was made : MISS E. A. PRESTON, who taught the Grammar School most acceptably, left us because a situation more remunerative and otherwise more desirable was offered her. Where the Teachers can be retained in the same schools a series of terms much better work can be done, and much time and money saved. *

But the chief and great reason for our improved schools has been in the Teachers themselves. Their ability, their indefatigable labors, their skilful methods of teaching, their devotion to their work, have been the real sources of success.

I have never known Teachers more entirely devoted to their work, than those who have taught our Primaries, Grammar and High School.

They allowed nothing to interfere with their work in the school-room. It is not in the vigilance of the Prudential Committee, nor in the aid rendered by the Superintendent, although these are auxiliaries, but in the Teachers themselves that success depends. And real success never comes without real and well-directed efforts. Unless a Teacher is capable and conscientious, and devoted to the work, all the watchful care of a hundred Superintendents will not ward off failure. It was asked of old, respecting the Roman guards of the Imperial Throne; "But who shall guard those very guards?" A pertinent question, as it proved. And who shall make the nominal Teacher, the real Teacher? All the assistance of a score of Superintendents, could not make the *poor* Teacher, a *good* one, or the idle Teacher industrious, or give skill to the unskilful.

Primary Schools.

These are not unimportant because they are Primary. They are, in reality, the most important of our schools, since they are the foundation of the whole system. Upon them depends the prosperity of the rest. If the Primaries are not good, we are building up the higher grades on a sandy foundation. I have never known better schools of this grade, than our North and South Primaries have been this year.

North Primary.

Length of school. 36 weeks. MRS. MARY J. PUTNAM,
Teacher. \$ 9 00, a week.

Whole No. Scholars, 52.	Boys.	Girls.	Total.
Spring term.	26	26	52
Fall " "	22	24	46
Winter " "	24	26	50

This school has been under the care of MRS. PUTNAM, during the whole year and has been well taught. In MRS. PUTNAM'S teaching we observe, a steady improve-

ment ; every succeeding term is better than the last. Her heart is in her work, her ambition never slumbers, her interest never flags.

Flora Breed, Josie Breed, Frank Gibbs, Sarah Hall, Ida Hutchins, and Ella Breed, were not absent one day.

South Primary.

Length of school, 36 weeks. MISS LOUISE H. GRINNELL.

Teacher. \$ 9 00 a week.

Whole No. scholars, 51.	Boys.	Girls	Total.
Spring term,	26	25	51
Fall "	26	23	49
Winter "	25	16	41

This school has been taught by MISS GRINNELL, for two years, and has been steadily and rapidly improving. As a Teacher, MISS GRINNELL has rare ability and success.

The drill, the discipline, the scholarship of the school are excellent. The scholars are taught to think independently, and to depend upon themselves, and not upon the Teacher.

In this school the pupils have been punctual and constant in their attendance. Louie Dunsmoor, and Sarah De Normandie, have not been absent or tardy. Chester Winchester, Josie Harlow, Lizzie Allen, Henry Dugan, have each been absent one-half day.

Grammar School.

36 weeks. MISS E. A. PRESTON, 10 weeks, \$ 11, a week.

MISS O. A. PERHAM, 26 " "

Whole No. scholars, 48	Boys.	Girls.	Total.
Spring term,	17	15	32
Fall term,	23	15	38
Winter term,	26	22	48

After the close of the Spring Term, MISS PRESTON left for a more desirable situation ; but the Committee fortunately, engaged MISS PERHAM, of Acworth, as Teacher for the Grammar School. MISS PERHAM has worked dil-

igently and taught most acceptably. Her school shows progress, accuracy, and good order.

Katie Dugan, and Richard De Normandie, have not been absent one-half day this year.

High School.

36 weeks. Miss A. H. CARLETON, Prin'l. \$ 15, a week.

Whole No. scholars, 40	Boys.	Girls.	Total.
Spring term,	11	11	22
Fall term,	15	7	22
Winter term,	29	11	40

MISS CARLETON, has been highly successful. A fine scholar, and an able Teacher. She has changed, what was only a High School in name, to a High School in reality. Neither absent nor tardy, Gusta Burnham.

District No 1.

18 weeks. Miss A. S. GIFFIN, 9 weeks \$ 4 00 a week.

Miss V. D. MACK, " 6 00 "

Whole No. scholars, 14.	Boys.	Girls.	Total.
Summer term,	3	7	10
Winter term,	7	7	14

Frank Piper, was not absent, and but once tardy. Miss MACK's methods of teaching are good ; but the order of the school was not good ; and the small children seemed to have little to do, and to receive little attention.

District No. 4. Miss L. M. DINSMOOR, \$ 9, a week.

Whole No. weeks, 22.

Whole No. scholars, 30.	Boys.	Girls.	Total.
Summer term,	17	8	25
Winter term,	22	8	30

Neither absent nor tardy, Fred Jardine. This school was most admirably taught. There was perfect order, spirited emulation, and real progress in knowledge. We have seen no school where all were so ambitious to do well, and to improve, as here.

District No. 5.

22 weeks. Miss E. J. PUTNAM, 10 weeks, \$ 6 00 a week.

Mrs. A. M. Mc CRAE, 12 " \$ 7 50 a "

Whole No. scholars, 25.	Boys.	Girls.	Total.
Summer term,	10	17	27
Winter term,	13	12	25

Neither absent nor tardy through the year, Ada Putnam, Emma S. Putnam,. Both Miss Putnam and Mrs. McCrae were diligent Teachers, and as a result kept a good school.

District No. 6.

19 weeks. Miss ELLA E. STRAW, \$ 6 50 a week.

Whole No. scholars, 20.	Boys.	Girls.	Total.
Summer term,	10	8	18
Winter term,	12	8	20

Miss STRAW taught the Summer term so acceptably that the Dist't united in engaging her, at it's close to teach a Private School. The Winter term was sadly disturbed and broken up. It is difficult to determine the cause of this failure. Certainly it was not because the Teacher lost her interest in the school. She was faithful to her work unto the end.

District No. 7

22 weeks, Miss L. H. ALLEN, 10 weeks. \$ 6 00 a week.

Miss E. J. PUTNAM, 12 weeks. \$ 6 00 a week.

Whole No. scholars. 19.	Boys.	Girls.	Total.
Summer term,	5	7	12
Winter term,	11	8	19

Neither absent nor tardy, Ada E. Perry, Bessie Johnson, Mertie M. Frost, Jennie A. Perry, James Lewis Perry. The constant attendance of the scholars, and the absence of marks on the Register, show that this was a good school.

District No 8.

20 weeks. Miss NELLIE M. BUSWELL. \$ 5 50 a week.

Whole No. scholars, 10.	Boys.	Girls.	Total.
Summer term,	5	4	9
Autumn term,	6	4	10

Three years ago this school was composed of three little children. Always too small for spirited emulation, this year it has been larger, and in all respects a good school.

District No. 9. MISS NELLIE R. MOODY, \$ 5 50 a week.

31 weeks. MR. H. OSCAR CLARK, 8 55 “

Whole No. scholars, 23.	Boys.	Girls.	Total.
Summer term.	8	14	22
Fall term.	7	14	21
Winter term.	12	11	23

This District was fortunate in having two such capable Teachers as MISS MOODY and MR. CLARK. MISS Moody met with some opposition, from one or two families in the District, which was a great detriment to the school.

MR. CLARK's school was one of the very best. The discipline was mild but firm, the instruction thorough, the progress marked.

District No. 11.

16 weeks. MISS MARY A. SIMPSON, \$ 5 50 a week.

Whole No. scholars, 14.	Boys.	Girls.	Total.
Summer term,	7	5	12
Winter term,	9	5	14

There is not as much ambition among the pupils in this school as we would like to see. MISS SIMPSON did her work well, and the school has improved this year.

District No. 12.

15 weeks. MISS ABBY H. LATHROP, 7 weeks.

MR. SUMNER M. STRAW, 8 “

Whole No. scholars, 6.	Boys.	Girls.	Total.
Summer term,	1	5	6
Winter term,	3	2	5

This school is so small that it is difficult to awaken much interest in it. Both the Teachers this year did their work well.

District No. 13.

20 weeks. MISS E. H. LITCHFIELD, 8 weeks. \$ 4 00 week

MISS ALICE M. MOFFETT 12 “ 7 62 “

Whole No. scholars, 18.	Boys.	Girls.	Total.
Summer term.	7	4	11
Winter term,	11	7	18

Hattie H. Albee, Grace C. Robertson, Ida J. Phillips, Emma F. Albee, were neither absent nor tardy during the year. We have very few Teachers so successful as Miss MOFFETT. Under her instruction the school made rapid improvement. No one could visit this school without being impressed with the skill and ability of the Teacher.

District No. 14.

21 weeks. Miss M. A. L. SPARROW, 10 weeks \$ 4 50 w'k
MR. HERMAN J. LANE. 11 " 7 50 "

Whole No. scholars, 16.	Boys.	Girls.	Total.
Summer term.	5	10	15
Winter term,	8	8	16

Both the Teachers in No. 14. were successful.

The children in the district have never learned punctuality, one of the most important lessons to learn in or out of school. The Register is full of *absent* and *tardy* marks.

I have never seen this school in so good condition, or heard in it so good recitations, as at the close of the Winter Term, taught by MR. LANE.

General Remarks.

In our report we have tried to give a correct account of the schools. We have given the names of those pupils who were neither absent from school nor tardy through the year. There are many other scholars just as good as those whose names are recorded, others who are as ambitious scholars and whose rank is as good but sickness or some other unavoidable cause has kept them out of school.

We have tried the experiment of having a long Winter Term in our Village Schools; four weeks before Christmas, and ten weeks after New Year's. Our experiment brings us to the conclusion that an unbroken term of twelve weeks is more beneficial.

Our schools, the past year, have, in most instances, been very good. They might have been much better, if peace and harmony had prevailed in all the districts and all worked together for their improvement. Old feuds and neighborhood quarrels and unpleasant dissensions, keep some of the districts in a broil and almost ruin the schools.

They seem to forget the great and obvious truth, that :
 " Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation, and every city or house divided against itself shall not stand. "

In most instances Teachers who fail, would do well if supported and sustained by parents and citizens . There is a great deal of unfair and unnecessary criticism of Teachers. There are always enough ready to find fault, to pick flaws, and to throw stones. It is easier to criticise a school than it is to teach one. Censure is cheap and common ; good teaching is rare and difficult.

A great point would be gained if we could forget and sink out of sight our petty differences and work heartily together, in each district, to improve our schools and insure their success. This dawning of the Centennial year is an auspicious time to begin this important reformation.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

EUGENE DE NORMANDIE,

Superintendent of Schools.

